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1. COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CONCLUDED FIRST
WEEK'S SESSION WITH AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE
OF EXPERTS TO STUDY THE TERMS OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER,
PARTICULARLY IN TRADE AND FINANCE, AND TO SUBMIT ITS
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMONWEALTH. THE CONSENSUS
WAS ANNOUNCED BY PM MANLEY, AND ALISTAIRE MCINTYRE
(CARICOM SECRETARY GENERAL) WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN
OF A WORKING GROUP TO RECOMMEND THE FRAME OF REFERENCE
AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE WHEN FORMAL SESSIONS

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RESUME MAY 5.

2. PM TRUDEAU (CANDA) OFFERED TO HOST MEETING OF
THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS IN OTTAWA SO THAT AN INTERIM

REPORT COULD BE READY FOR THE AUGUST MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS IN GUYANA. BASED ON THIS REPORT THE FINANCE MINISTERS WILL MAKE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THEIR DELEGATIONS TO THE UN SESSION LATER THIS YEAR.

3. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE MAIN SPEAKERS ON THE SECOND AND LAST DAY OF THE ECONOMIC DISPUTE WERE PRESIDENT NYERERE (TANZANIA), PM MINTOFF (MALTA) AND PM GAIRY (GRENADA). NYERERE SUPPORTED THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN (BURNHAM PROPOSAL AND STATED THAT MORE ATTENTION MUST BE PAID TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MINTOFF DISCUSSED HIS DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, SAID MALTA'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON THE SOLE FACT IT WAS A NAVAL BASE, AND EMPHASIZED ITS DESIRE TO BE THE SITE FOR THE NEW INTER-NATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD STRENGTHEN THE ISLAND'S ECONOMY. GAIRY CONFINED HIS REMARKS TO A STRONG CRITICISM OF THE UK FOR ITS FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HIS COUNTRY NEEDED SINCE ITS INDEPENDENCE.

4. THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS AS PROPOSED BY BURNHAM IS WIDELY PUBLICIZED HERE AS A "VICTORY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN". THE JAMAICA DAILY NEWS ALSO CARRIED A STORY THAT THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION SAID THAT REPORTS THEY HAD REJECTED THE BURNHAM PROPOSAL WERE ERRONEOUS. A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION SUPPOSEDLY COMMENTED "WE WANT COOPERATION, NOT CONFRONTATION. WE ARE GLAD THIS MISUNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN CLEARED UP. THE POSITIONS OF MR. WILSON AND MR. BURNHAM HAVE NECESSARILY TO BE DIFFERENT. BUT THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE END OF THE SESSION WAS THAT WE HAVE ALL MADE A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD." ADOPTION OF THE BURNHAM PROPOSAL IS ALSO VIEWED AS A CONSENSUS TOWARD FASTER PROGRESS FOR SOLVING THE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE LDCS AND DCS. OUTGOING SECRETARY GENERAL ARNOLD SMITH SAID THE COMMITTEE'S FUNCTIONS WOULD BE TO EXAMINE A "BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE TERMS OF TRADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO SPEED UP THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, TO INCREASE THE ABILITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THEREBY RAISE THEIR STANDARDS OF LIVING."

5. COMMENT: SINCE CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN KINGSTON AND PM MANLEY IS CHAIRMAN, LOCAL PRESS CAN BE EXPECTED TO HIGHLIGHT CARIBBEAN INPUTS AND PORTRAY THEM AS VICTORIES. CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION SOURCE TOLD ECONOFF DECISION TO APPOINT COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS "IS NOBODY'S VICTORY AND NOT A REAL BLOW TO WILSON SINCE WILSON'S PROPOSALS WERE PRETTY STANDARD STUFF". HE DID SAY THERE HAD BEEN SOME VERY STRENUOUS DRAFTING DURING THE

WEEKEND OVER THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE. THERE
WAS ALSO GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COMMITTEE WOULD BE A CANADIAN. ONE OF THE NAMES MENTIONED
IN THIS REGARD WAS JAKE WARREN, NEW CANADIAN AMBASSADOR
TO U.S. SOURCE ALSO COMMENTED THAT DECISION TO APPOINT
COMMITTEE PROBABLY MOST SENSIBLE THING CONFERENCE COULD
HAVE AGREED ON. WITH REFERENCE TO BURNHAM'S RHETORIC,
HE SAID MOST OF PACIFIC AND SOME OF AFRICAN COMMONWEALTH
MEMBERS ARE QUITE CONSERVATIVE. CANADIAN DELEGATES
HAD ALSO TOLD HIM THAT THE CONFERENCE SEEMS TO HAVE
REVERTED TO ENDLESS SPEECH-MAKING, WHICH IS
SOMETHING MOST MEMBERS HAD THOUGHT WAS ELIMINATED AT
OTTAWA. IN ECONOFF VIEW, FACT THAT SO-CALLED REVOLU-
TIONARY THIRD WORLD LEADER LIKE BURNHAM SHOULD PROPOSE
STUDY GROUP, WHICH IS STANDARD DC COPOUT IN THE CIRCUM-
STANCES, ABSOLUTELY AMAZING. CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION
SOURCE SAID HE THOUGH BURNHAM SPEECH MIGHT HAVE BEEN
DRAFTED BY A CANADIAN. GERARD

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